Be Involved

Becoming a Member
A Door County Maritime Museum membership not only helps us build a sustainable future for generations to come, it provides you the opportunity to be a part of something bigger. We offer individual, couple, family, lifetime and business partner memberships. Membership includes unlimited free admission to all DCMM locations, invitations to member’s only events, a discount at all three museum stores, our exclusive Mari-Times newsletter and much more. For more information and additional benefits, visit www.dcmm.org or call (920) 743-5958.

Donations
Your gift to the Door County Maritime Museum & Lighthouse Preservation Society provides educational and outreach experiences for over 75,000 visitors each year. The donation process is easy and can be done through the mail or online at www.dcmm.org.

Volunteer Opportunities
Share with us your talents and experience first-hand the impact you can make in your community. We are often in need of docents (tour guides), volunteers for events, general office work, construction/maintenance assistance and Committee members for all facets of our organization.

Stay Connected
We like to keep in touch with our supporters through social media and monthly e-newsletters. Whether you are a member or not, please join us in celebrating and preserving our maritime history on a daily and monthly basis. For monthly e-newsletters, please contact us online or call to join our mailing list.

Thank you for your support!

Door County Maritime Museum charges a small admission fee at each of the museums.

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Door County Maritime Museum
Located along Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin’s busy waterfront, the Door County Maritime Museum showcases the area’s rich maritime roots. Hard-working fishermen, brave ship captains, skilled craftsmen, bold inventors and lonely lighthouse keepers are just some of the personalities you’ll discover in the galleries of the museum. See how these maritime pioneers worked and what they made, and you’ll understand and appreciate your visit to Door County on a deeper, more engaged level.

Peer through a submarine periscope that scans the Sturgeon Bay Canal and the accomplishments of Sturgeon Bay shipbuilders. Delve into the Great Lakes’ most spectacular ship raising, explore underwater shipwrecks, admire a snappy motor launch, browse a collection of more than a dozen engines, see the very first Marine Travelift ever built, trace the history of Chris-Craft, enjoy several temporary exhibits and much more.

Then enjoy an all-access, 40-minute guided tour of the John Purves, an immaculately restored Great Lakes tugboat. Explore the entire 149-foot tug, from her engine room to crew cabins, galley and wheelhouse, and get a feel for the daily life of her hard-working 13-man crew.

Cana Island Light Station
Travel back in time and explore one of Door County Wisconsin’s most popular lighthouses that’s been standing watch on the shore of Lake Michigan for more than 150 years.

Investigate the entire 8.7-acre island that includes the 89-foot-tall light tower, the original home of the lighthouse keeper and his family, and the oil house where fuel for the light was stored.

Climb to the top of the Cana Island Lighthouse in Baileys Harbor and step out onto the gallery deck for a breathtaking view of Lake Michigan and the Door County Peninsula. While the ascent is fun for visitors, imagine the lighthouse keeper’s job as he trudged up and down the steps each night, carrying heated lard to keep the light burning!

Tour the keeper’s home for a look back in time to the early days when these beacons kept mariners safe and on-course.

Death’s Door Maritime Museum
The small fishing village of Gills Rock, Wisconsin is a hidden gem located at the very tip of the Door County Peninsula on the shores of Porte des Mortes (Death’s Door). The Death’s Door Maritime Museum traces the area’s commercial fishing tradition. It boasts the wooden fishing tug Hope and a replica net shed complete with fishing boxes, net reel and other traditional fishing supplies.

The museum also features a shipwreck and scuba diving exhibit, artifacts brought up from the bottom of Lake Michigan and exhibits on the area’s dangerous passage known as Death’s Door. Visitors can use a Lyle gun to rescue stranded mariners, and browse an area devoted to marine engines. New interactive technology will also bring items in the museum to life, enhancing the historical experience for all ages.